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SUBJECT: LOCAL ELECTIONS FOR WARD COUNCILS

1. ON NOVEMBER 28/29, ELECTIONS FOR WARD COUNCILS WILL TAKE PLACE IN FLORENCE AND AREZZO. THE PURPOSE OF THESE WARD COUNCILS IS TO PROVIDE A FORM FOR LOCAL CITIZENS TO PARTICIPATE MORE DIRECTLY IN THE ADMINISTRATION OF THESE CITIES. ACCORDING TO CURRENT PLANS, THESE COUNCILS WILL HAVE AN OPPORTUNITY TO COMMENT ON THE FOLLOWING MATTERS BEFORE THE CITY GOVERNMENT CAN TAKE FINAL ACTION: BUDGET, RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN THE CITY GOVERNMENT AND THE REGIONAL GOVERNMENT, TRAFFIC, COMMERCE, SCHOOLS, HEALTH, SOCIAL SERVICES AND CULTURAL MATTERS. THE WARD COUNCILS WILL HAVE THE POWER TO QUESTION THE CITY GOVERNMENTS ON ALL MATTERS AND THE RIGHT TO OBTAIN ANY REQUESTED DOCUMENTS. THE CITY GOVERNMENT WILL BE REQUIRED TO ANSWER IN WRITING WITHIN 30 DAYS QUESTIONS PUT TO IT BY THE WARD COUNCILS.

2. DESPITE CONSIDERABLE EFFORT, NONE OF THE WARDS WERE ABLE TO AGREE ON COMBINED VOTING LISTS. THEREFORE, EACH PARTY WILL HAVE ITS SEPARATE LIST FOR THE ELECTIONS.

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3. LOCAL POLITICIANS OF BOTH CITIES, PARTICULARLY THE PCI, ARE TAKING GREAT PRIDE IN THIS NEW EFFORT TOWARD DECENTRALIZATION AND ARE QUICK TO POINT OUT TO ME THAT THE ELECTION OF THESE WARD COUNCILS IS FAR MORE DEMOCRATIC THAN THE APPOINTIVE SYSTEM USED IN BOLOGNA.
4. CHRISTIAN DEMOCRATIC POLITICAL CAMPAIGN IN FLORENCE WILL CULMINATE ON NOVEMBER 26 WITH LARGE POLITICAL RALLY FEATURING DC NATIONAL SECRETARY ZACCAGNINI.
5. ACCORDING TO PRESS, SIMILAR ELECTION WILL TAKE PLACE ON NOVEMBER 28, 29 IN PERUGIA WHICH, LIKE FLORENCE IS CONTROLLED BY PCI CITY GOVERNMENT. AREZZO CITY GOVERNMENT IS FRONTIST.
6. LOCAL BETTING IS THAT CHRISTIAN DEMOCRATS WILL INCREASE PERCENTAGE OF VOTE AND THAT SOCIALISTS WILL LOSE PERCENTAGE OF VOTE AS COMPARED WITH LAST ADMINISTRATIVE ELECTIONS, AS WAS THE CASE LAST WEEK IN SIMILAR ELECTIONS IN NOVARRO IN PIEDMONT. IT ALSO EXPECTED THAT VOTE WILL BE VERY LIGHT SINCE ONLY PCI AND CHRISTIAN DEMOCRATS SEEM TO HAVE GENERATED ANY INTEREST IN ELECTIONS. GORDON

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